

## ABSTRACT

5           A connector assembly that enables a rope or other load to be attached to a tarp or  
other sheet material. The assembly includes male and female connector members having  
broad, flat base surfaces for engaging the material of the tarp from opposite sides. The  
male connector member has a sharply pointed screw portion for penetrating through the  
material of the tarp, and the female connector member has a threaded socket for receiving  
10 the screw portion of the male connector member. At least one of the connector members  
includes a projecting flange portion having an opening or hook for attachment of the rope  
or other load. The flange portions are flattened for being gripped between the thumb and  
forefinger when tightening/loosening the assembly. The grip faces of the connector  
members include raised protuberances that prevent accidental loosening during use.